THE LONG JOURNEY HOME – REBUILDING HOPE AND HOME

“Sake gina bege da kuma gida”

NIGERIA CRISIS REPORT 2017

The Crisis: Since 2014 the terrorist group Boko Haram has killed more than 23,000 people, impacted 15 million and displaced 3 million from their homes. Our sister church, Ekklesiayar Yan’uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) is the most affected faith group, with 70% of members being displaced and 1,688 churches damaged or destroyed.

WE REJOICE:
• After years of fleeing violence, Nigerian families are beginning to rebuild their lives, work and homes
• Nearly 70% of the EYN families have returned home
• Temporary churches are being built
• 104 of the Chibok girls have been released by Boko Haram
• Three relocation camps are supporting over 1,600 people
• Farmers are able to work in the fields
• $4.4 million in relief programming and support was provided through 2016 by the Church of the Brethren

WE PRAY FOR THESE HUGE CHALLENGES:
• The situation is still dire, with millions still displaced and continued violence
• Major food shortages are causing severe malnutrition and fears of a famine
• 113 Chibok girls and thousands of others are still captives of Boko Haram
• Families are returning to burned homes, fallow fields, and deep poverty
• Adults and children struggle with grief and trauma caused by the horrific violence

JOIN THE RESPONSE: TOGETHER WE ARE REBUILDING HOPE AND HOME

This comprehensive response started with emergency lifesaving food and shelter, then progressed to helping families recover by providing farming tools and supplies, trauma healing, education, home repair, new shelters, water and continued food supplements.

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**Agriculture**

Supporting agriculture with seed distributions, equipment and training is a key part of the long-term recovery process. It allows families to support themselves and regain their self-sufficiency. Examples of livelihood pursuits include computers, raising goats, knitting, tailoring and soap making.

**LIVELIHOOD - MAKING A LIVING**

A principle goal of recovery is helping families support themselves. Livelihood support, focusing on the most vulnerable, especially widows with children includes microbusiness assistance, skills training and the provision of equipment, tools and materials. For long term recovery to be possible, and to break the cycle of violence, a strong focus on trauma healing continues to be a cornerstone of the crisis response. A special training was developed to prepare caregivers to give trauma healing to children.

**PEACE BUILDING AND TRAUMA RECOVERY**

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**EDUCATION**

This crisis left many children without schooling for several years. Returning children to school, even temporary schools under a tree, are critical to their recovery and future. Education helps to reduce the impact of trauma on their lives and supports the whole family system, helping to reduce the long-term negative impacts of the crisis.

**FOOD, MEDICAL AND HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES**

Early response plans called for bulk food distributions to end during 2015. However, with so many people still displaced, the lack of farming and a growing food crisis, the distributions continue in critical areas. To date, 95 bulk distributions of food and supplies in 30 different areas have served over 36,500 families in crisis.

**CHURCH REBUILDING**

In the first three years of the response, Nigeria Crisis Funds helped support displaced EYN leadership and the structure of the church. To assist in rebuilding some of the 1,688 churches that have been damaged, a special Church Rebuilding Fund was created in 2016 and workcamp groups have been helping to rebuild churches. To support the Church Rebuilding Fund or join a workgroup, contact Kendra Harbeck at kharbeck@brethren.org or 847-429-4388.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS IN 2017**

Tractors Two new Massey Ferguson 375 tractors have been purchased to assist farmers in clearing fields and planting. Through a cooperative type of program, the tractors will be shared to benefit displaced and poor farmers around the Abuja and Kwarhi areas. As one tractor was delivered, Brhahn, the school headmaster at the Gurku center, said, “Our children will remember this day for the rest of their lives.”

Soybean Project A special program with support from the Church of the Brethren Global Food Initiative is helping EYN to promote soybean production, including growing soybeans, quality seed multiplication, and development of soy products including animal feed and soy milk for human consumption. This long-term project has the potential to improve the farming economy for many in NE Nigeria.

Books for Nigeria Many congregations joined in sending 30,001 pounds of books to Nigeria for children’s education and theological education. The shipment is scheduled to arrive in Nigeria on June 21, with 94 boxes of books for Kulp Bible College and 382 boxes for primary and secondary schools. “These books could go a long way in positively impacting on our generation and even generations yet unborn,” shared Daniel Mbaya, EYN general secretary.

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, NIGERIA CRISIS RESPONSE LEADERSHIP**

Roy Winter, associate executive director, Brethren Disaster Ministries
Roxane Hill, coordinator

**RESPONSE PARTNERS**

Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN), Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) EYN is the primary COB partner receiving 70% of the response funds. Center for Caring, Empowerment and Peace Initiatives (CCEPI) Education Must Continue Initiative (EMCI) Favorized Sisters Christian Fellowship (FSCF)/Reconciliation Trainers Africa (RETA) Lifeline Compassionate Global Initiative (LCGI) Women and Youth Empowerment for Advancement and Health Initiative (WYEAHI) Mission 21 — This development organization from Switzerland is partnering with EYN and the COB to further expand the response. In 2017, most programing will be a joint EYN/COB/Mission 21 effort.

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*Special Projects in 2017 - providing an additional $75,000 to EYN for trauma recovery.

**Total funds raised $5,009,786**

**Nigeria Crisis Response Budget 2017**

- Repairing Homes $90,000
- Peace Building and Trauma Recovery $55,000
- Agriculture (seeds, fertilizers & tools) $186,857
- Livelihood (making a living) $80,000
- Education (children, including orphans) $50,000
- Food, Medical & Home Supplies $120,000
- EYN Strengthening (Church Recovery) $10,000
- US Volunteers, Staff, Travel, Miscellaneous $45,000
- Farm & Malnutrition Special Reserve $113,143
- Total $750,000

**Nigeria Crisis Response Funds Raised**

In 2014-2015 $4,223,492
In 2016 $786,294
Total funds raised $5,009,786

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**Total** $4,403,574

**Finances**

**Nigeria Crisis Response Financial Activity 2014-2016**

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- Rebuilding Homes $1,103,807
- Total $901,125

**Books for Nigeria**

- 382 boxes for primary and secondary schools
- 94 boxes for Kulp Bible College
- 30,001 pounds of books

**Church Rebuilding**

- A special Church Rebuilding Fund was created in 2016
- Workcamp groups helping to rebuild churches

**Church of the Brethren, Nigeria Crisis Response**

- EYN (Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria)
- COB (Church of the Brethren)
- Mission 21

**Response Partners**

- EMCI (Education Must Continue Initiative)
- FSCF (Favorized Sisters Christian Fellowship)
- RETA (Reconciliation Trainers Africa)
- LGCI (Lifeline Compassionate Global Initiative)
- WYEAHI (Women and Youth Empowerment for Advancement and Health Initiative)
- Mission 21

**Peace Building and Trauma Recovery**

- For long-term recovery to be possible
- Special training developed for caregivers
- Prepare caregivers to give trauma healing to children

**Agriculture**

- Supporting agriculture with seed distributions, equipment and training
- Key part of long-term recovery process

**LIVELIHOOD - MAKING A LIVING**

- Livelihood support focusing on most vulnerable
- Microbusiness assistance, skills training
- Provision of equipment, tools and materials

**PEACE BUILDING AND TRAUMA RECOVERY**

- Focus on trauma healing
- Special training developed for caregivers
- Give trauma healing to children

**EDUCATION**

- Children without schooling for several years
- Returning children to school in temporary schools
- Critical for recovery and future

**FOOD, MEDICAL AND HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES**

- Early response plans called for bulk food distributions
- Continued in critical areas
- 95 distributions served over 36,500 families

**CHURCH REBUILDING**

- Support displaced EYN leadership and church structure
- Church Rebuilding Fund created
- Workcamp groups helping to rebuild churches

**SPECIAL PROJECTS IN 2017**

- Tractors for farming
- Soybean project for food production
- Books for Nigeria for education

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